

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on October 16, 2007. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-20 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) amended claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, and 18-20; 2) added no new claims; and 3) canceled claims 1 and 10. As such, claims 2-9 and 11-20 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-8 and 11-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including substantially all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, and 14 have been amended in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9 has been amended to claim from allowable claim 2. Claims 1 and 10 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-9 and 11-17 are all now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101-102

Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-20 have been amended to recite "An article of manufacture having one

or more computer-readable media”, instead of “recordable media.” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-20 are directed to statutory subject matter under MEPE 2106(IV) and 2106.01, and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 9-10, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chui, U.S. Patent No. 6,347,157 (hereinafter “Chui”). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 10 have been canceled, and claim 9 has been amended to depend from an allowable claim, claim 2. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-20 have been amended to include allowable subject matter, as indicated by the Office action with respect to claims 2-8 and 11-17. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-20 are patentable over the cited reference, and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 9 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 18-20 are all now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

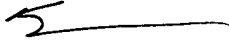
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Michael J. Mallie at (408) 720-8300.

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